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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-06 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2005 AS SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, RECOGNIZING THE POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

A substantial body of research conducted in various states, including Florida, confirms the existence of a high correlation between student achievement and strong library programs. This correlation is a result of the continual collaboration between library media specialists, classroom teachers, and administrators in an effort to help students develop the information literacy skills they need to succeed in school and throughout their lives.

Literacy provides students with the skills needed to learn independently and reshape their destinies. Today, more than ever, school library media centers provide activities that connect students of all ages with resources needed for school, work, and personal fulfillment. To focus citizens' attention on school library media center resources that empower students to learn and grow, the American Association of School Librarians annually designates April as School Library Media Month.

This year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' theme for School Library Media Month is ***Life, Liberty, and Literacy @ Your Library***. School Library Media Month draws attention to the importance of reading and promoting schoolwide reading activities throughout the District.

Therefore, it is appropriate that the Board approve Resolution No. 05-06 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing the importance of libraries in our schools and proclaiming April as School Library Media Month.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 05-06 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida proclaiming the month of April 2005 as School Library Media Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, recognizing the positive relationship between school libraries and student achievement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-06  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2005  
AS SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA MONTH  
IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, numerous research studies conducted in the states of Alaska, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Texas have shown a high correlation between exemplary school library programs led by a certified school librarian and student achievement on state standardized tests; and

**WHEREAS**, the school library media specialist's role is to provide leadership and expertise necessary to ensure that the library media program is an integral part of the instructional program of the school; and

**WHEREAS**, school library media centers provide materials to meet individual needs, varied interests, abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds, and maturity levels of the students served; and

**WHEREAS**, the school library media program contributes to the individual growth and development of all students, while fostering both excellence and equity in education; and

**WHEREAS**, school library media specialists collaborate with teachers for optimal instructional design to improve student achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, the library media specialists of Miami-Dade County have dedicated themselves to work for quality library media programs for all students;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 05-06 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming the month of April 2005 as School Library Media Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this sixteenth day of March, A.D. 2005

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Secretary